(ii) The salt consumed in the old Trivandrum Division is estimated at 1,40,000 maunds per annum.

(iii) The depôt was re-opened in Vrischikam, 1097. Since that date, the needs of the Division have been fully served by it.

Certain particulars *re* local salt.

199. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) What is the price per maund at which the Government acquire local salt from the licensees?

(*b*) What is the duty levied by the Government per maund of salt?

(*c*) What was the rate per maund at which the contract for the transport of home salt to the Trivandrum Port Salt Depôt was given during 1097?

(*d*) What was the price per maund at which home salt from the Trivandrum Port Salt Depôt was sold during 1097?

(*e*) What was the gain per maund which accrued to Government?

(*f*) What was the quantity of home salt transported to the Trivandrum Port Salt Depôt for sale in 1097?

(*g*) What was the estimated gain on the whole quantity of salt transported to the depôt for sale in 1097?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) In monopoly factories the *kudivila* is Chs. 5 per maund. In excise factories the rate varies from Chs. 4-cash 7 ¼ to Chs. 6-cash 3¾ per maund.

(*b*) Bh. Re. 1 As. 4 per maund.

(*c*) 4 annas and 2⅔ pies per maund.

(*d*) From the 5th Makaram, 1097, to the 28th Meenam, 1097, the rate was Bh. Rs. 2 As. 3 per maund. Since then the rate has been Bh. Rs. 2 per maund.

(*e*) Chs. 7 and 10 $\frac{11}{20}$ cash.

(*f*) 1,43,823 maunds and 26 seers.

(*g*) Rs. 39,342. Against this have to be set off loss on account of wastage, expenses in erecting and maintaining sheds and other works connected with the depôt, and also the cost of establishment.

In regard to the answer to part (*b*), the duty specified therein was the duty when the answer was prepared. Since then, the duty has been raised to Bh. Rs. 2-Annas 8 per maund.

Imports for Government Purposes.

200. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the value of the goods annually purchased from countries outside India for the use of the various departments of the State?

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